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Title: DISTRIBUTED NETWORK  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
WHICH ALLOWS MULTIPLE  
WIRELESS SERVICE  
PROVIDERS TO SHARE A  
COMMON NETWORK  
INFRASTRUCTURE

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAM. INITIALS	REF. DES	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	C1	6,512,754	1/28/03	Feder et al.			
	C2	5,991,287	11/23/99	Diepstraten et al.			
	C3	6,801,509	10/5/04	Chuah et al.			
	C4	6,449,272	9/10/02	Chuah et al.			
	C5	6,393,482	5/21/02	Rai et al.			
	C6	6,377,982	4/23/02	Rai et al.			
	C7	6,363,421	3/26/02	Barker et al.			
	C8	6,285,665	9/4/01	Chuah et al.			
	C9	6,675,208	1/6/04	Rai et al.			
	C10	6,665,718	12/16/03	Chuah et al.			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	C11	EP 917 320	5/19/99	EP			

**OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

	C12	"IEEE Standards for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks: Virtual Bridged Local Area Networks", IEEE Std 802.1Q-1998, December 8, 1998					

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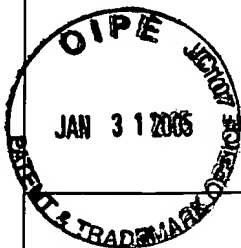
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	C13	6,577,643	6/10/03	Rai et al.			
	C14	6,704,311	3/9/04	Chuah et al.			
	C15	6,654,610	11/25/03	Chen et al.			
	C16	6,577,644	6/10/03	Chuah et al.			
	C18	6,377,548	4/23/02	Chuah et al.			
	C19	6,512,754	1/28/03	Feder et al.			
	C20	6,496,491	12/17/02	Chuah et al.			
	C21	6,449,272	9/10/02	Chuah et al.			
	C22	6,421,714	7/16/02	Rai et al.			
	C23	6,414,950	7/2/02	Rai et al.			
	C24	6,400,722	6/4/02	Chuah et al.			
	C25	6,327,254	12/4/01	Chuah			
	C26	6,226,277	5/1/01	Chuah			
	C27	6,400,722	6/4/02	Chuah et al.			
	C28	5,835,061	11/10/98	Stewart			

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